

(Washington DC) This afternoon, the Senate Committee on Appropriations approved the Energy and Water Appropriations, which includes \$10 million for the San Antonio River improvement project. Next, this bill will come to the floor of the Senate where the full body will amend and vote on \$30.7 billion measure. Then the House and Senate will reconcile their different bills before sending the measure to the President to sign into law.

Congressman Charlie Gonzalez issued the following statement:

"I applaud the Senate appropriators for recognizing the importance of these improvements to the San Antonio River and choosing to invest federal funds in our community. We have long needed upgrades to our river infrastructure that would equip us to better cope with flooding. Moreover, investing in the San Antonio River will hopefully spread prosperity southward into areas of our city in need of greater economic opportunity.

I would particularly like to thank Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison who sits on the Appropriations Committee and made sure these funds were in the final bill."

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